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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...time for the NRDs by compounding the fertilizer tax problem with the...with the motor vehicle tax problem and creating a situation where next year they would face a revenue loss in excess...in excess of \$4 million. Well, it doesn't seem to me like an appropriate way to do business, and it will shift money back onto the property taxes. If the...if the Revenue Committee thinks that the counties, notwithstanding all they have done for them and they have done a lot for them, are likely to shift money back on property taxes, again, if it's even possible that they can do that, then by all means propose to give the counties more money. But the Governor has indicated that he will not veto this out of the budget. He thinks it's appropriate that the NRDs get...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...their money back and so...well, I will finish later, but thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The speaking order is Senator Coordsen, followed by Tyson, Schrock, Wehrbein, Cudaback, Wickersham, and Stuhr. Senator Coordsen, on Amendment 1609 to LB 880.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I hope that the members did listen attentively to Senator Wickersham because I, first of all, I think I need to preface what I'm saying in saying that I am not an opponent of NRDs and I readily recognize the good that they've done in all of the fields that they work in the state of Nebraska. But it would be important to note at this time that the Revenue Committee and the body of the Legislature, in adopting 1114, the levy caps, as the law of the land, which created a reduction for counties did not do so for NRDs, partially I think, or perhaps in totally, those levies for NRDs were left at the rate that they had been in statute historically because we recognized that NRDs, of all of the services of government, all of the services of government, their services were more nearly connected to the real estate in the state of Nebraska and that the use of a